

Draft Minutes 7-17-07

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Government Operations was held on Tuesday July 17, 2007 at 2:30pm, in room 402 – 403 of the Capitol Building.

Present: Senators Bishop, Patterson, Cassis, Kuipers, Schauer Clarke, Olshove

Absent:

Senator Bishop noted that the committee heard testimony from the Michigan Association of Townships, the Michigan Association of Counties, and the Michigan Municipal League in support of the legislation at the last Government Operations meeting on June 26, 2007.

Senator Patterson moved that the Minutes from June 26, 2007 be approved.

Senator Cassis seconded the motion.

Yeas: Senators Bishop, Senator Patterson, Cassis, Kuipers, Schauer, Clarke, Olshove

Nays:

Excused:

Absent:

The motion prevailed.

Senator Cassis moved that the substitute S-1 for Senate Bill 395 be adopted.

Senator Patterson seconded the motion.

Yeas: Senators Bishop, Senator Patterson, Cassis, Kuipers

Nays: Schauer, Clarke, Olshove

Excused:

Absent:

The Substitute was adopted.

Senator Patterson moved that Senate Bill 395 S-1 be reported with immediate effect.

Senator Cassis seconded the motion.

Yeas: Senators Bishop, Senator Patterson, Cassis, Kuipers,

Nays: Schauer, Clarke, Olshove

Excused:

Absent:

Senate Bill 395 S-1 was reported with immediate effect.

Senator Cassis moved that the substitute S-1 for Senate Bill 398 be adopted.

Senator Patterson seconded the motion.

Yeas: Senators Bishop, Senator Patterson, Cassis, Kuipers

Nays: Schauer, Clarke, Olshove

Excused:

Absent:

The Substitute was adopted.

Senator Patterson moved that Senate Bill 398 S-1 be reported with immediate effect.

Senator Cassis seconded the motion.

Yeas: Senators Bishop, Senator Patterson, Cassis, Kuipers,

Nays: Schauer, Clarke, Olshove

Excused:

Absent:

Senate Bill 398 S-1 was reported with immediate effect.

Senator Patterson moved that the substitute S-1 for Senate Bill 396 be adopted.

Senator Cassis seconded the motion.

Yeas: Senators Bishop, Senator Patterson, Cassis, Kuipers

Nays: Schauer, Clarke, Olshove

Excused:

Absent:

The Substitute was adopted.

Senator Cassis moved that Senate Bill 396 S-1 be reported with immediate effect.

Senator Patterson seconded the motion.

Yeas: Senators Bishop, Senator Patterson, Cassis, Kuipers,

Nays: Schauer, Clarke, Olshove

Excused:

Absent:

Senate Bill 396 S-1 was reported with immediate effect.

Senator Cassis moved that Senate Bill 397 be reported with immediate effect.

Senator Patterson seconded the motion.

Yeas: Senators Bishop, Senator Patterson, Cassis, Kuipers,

Nays: Schauer, Clarke, Olshove

Excused:

Absent:

Senate Bill 397 was reported with immediate effect

Senator Bishop read the following letter to the Auditor General:

Mr. Thomas H. McTavish, C.P.A.
Auditor General
201 N. Washington Square
Lansing, MI 48913

Dear Mr. McTavish:

Pursuant to the bi-partisan discussion in the Senate Government Operations and Reform Committee meeting on governmental efficiency initiatives, Senate Bills 396-97, we respectfully request that your office perform the following investigations of state government and make the following periodic reports to the Legislature.

Not later than October 1, 2008, complete all of the following:

- Review and investigate ways to make state government more efficient.
- Review, investigate, and collect information necessary to evaluate all functions and services provided by each state agency, including, but not limited to, all of the following:
 - Human resource duties and responsibilities.
 - Payroll services.
 - Internal auditing, accounting, and financial services.
 - Purchasing programs.
 - Printing services.
 - Mail services.
 - Maintenance services.
 - Janitor or cleaning services.
 - Motor vehicle fleet operations.
 - Transportation services.
- Determine the complete cost of each function or service performed by a state agency.
- Determine the total number of FTEs for each function or service performed by a state agency.
- Determine how each function or service is funded in each state agency.
- Determine the total and complete cost of all functions and services combined.

By June 1, 2009, your office shall make specific determinations of the items described above and report those determinations to each house of the Legislature. Your office shall also make

interim progress reports to each house of the Legislature on the status of its determinations of the items described above by December 31, 2008, and March 31, 2009.

In addition, by June 1, 2009, your office shall also report to each house of the Legislature recommendations on how to consolidate, streamline, and make more efficient the functions and services provided by state government.

Thank you in advance for your assistance in conducting this important investigation of the efficiency of state government.

Sincerely,

Michael D. Bishop
Chairman
Government Operations and Reform

Mark Schauer
Minority Vice Chair
Government Operations and Reform

Senator Bishop requested Senator Schauer sign onto the letter.

Senator Schauer will consider the offer after further review of the letter.

Senator Bishop adjourned the meeting at 2:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Committee Clerk

Chairperson

Date approved by Committee